

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STATESVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL CASE NO. 5:23-cv-00070-MR**

**BRICE C. MOORE,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**FNU HONEYCUTT, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court *sua sponte*.

The pro se incarcerated Plaintiff filed this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. [Doc. 1]. The Plaintiff did not pay the filing fee or file an application to proceed in forma pauperis.<sup>1</sup> On March 16, 2023, the Clerk entered a Notice of Deficiency granting the Plaintiff 21 days within which to pay the filing fee file an application to proceed in forma pauperis. [Doc. 2]. The Plaintiff was cautioned that, “[f]ailure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action without prejudice for failure to prosecute.” [*Id.* at 1]. The Plaintiff

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<sup>1</sup> Although the Plaintiff attached to his Complaint a “Declaration in Support of Request to Proceed In Forma Pauperis” [Doc. 1-3], this document does not contain all the information that is required by the Court to seek leave to proceed IFP. See Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs (Long Form), AO 239.

has failed to pay the filing fee or to file an application to proceed in forma pauperis, and the time to do so has expired.

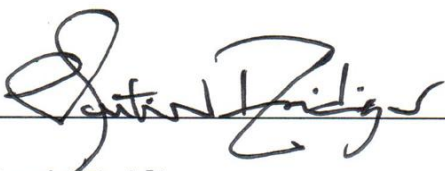
The Plaintiff appears to have abandoned this action, and the Court is unable to proceed. This case will therefore be dismissed without prejudice. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b) (“If the plaintiff fails to prosecute or to comply with these rules or a court order, a defendant may move to dismiss the action or any claim against it.”); Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 630-33 (1962) (although Rule 41(b) does not expressly provide for *sua sponte* dismissal, Rule 41(b) does not imply any such restriction and a court has the inherent power to dismiss a case for lack of prosecution or violation of a court order).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that this action is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court is directed to terminate this action.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: July 3, 2023

  
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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

